

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a ~~plurality of~~ data carrier[[s]] from a support strip, [[a]] the data carrier comprising a data carrier body provided with a microcircuit, the support strip comprising ~~a plurality of at least one~~ support elements (1a, 1b, 1c), [[a]] the support element comprising wiring pads, the method comprising the following steps:
an overmoulding step, in which the support element[[s]] of the support strip [[are]]is overmoulded so as to obtain ~~a plurality of~~ the data carrier body[[ies]] ; and
a microcircuit-connecting step, in which the microcircuits ~~are~~ is electrically connected to the wiring pads (3) of the data carrier body[[ies]] so as to obtain ~~a plurality of~~ the data carrier[[s]].
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a cutting step, in which the data carriers ~~are~~ is cut out.
3. (Currently Amended) A support strip comprising:
at least one roughly parallel gripping areas (10); and
~~the support strip comprising in addition a number of~~ at least one support elements (1a, 1b, 1c), wherein [[a]]the support element comprises[[ing]] a conducting elements, a conducting element comprising having a contact pad and a wiring pad, the

~~support strip being characterised in that and wherein [[a]] the support element (1a) is connected to [[a]] the at least one gripping area (10) using a snap-off junction area (11).~~

4. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 3, ~~wherein characterised in that the support element (1a) is a support grid.~~
5. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 3, ~~wherein characterised in that the support element (1a) comprises a foolproofing edge (6a).~~
6. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 4, ~~wherein characterised in that the support element (1a) comprises a second foolproofing edge (6b).~~
7. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 3, ~~wherein characterised in that the support element (1a) is metallic.~~
8. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 4, ~~wherein characterised in that the support element (1a) has a contour whose geometry substantially complies with the standard GSM 11.11.~~

9. (Original) The support strip according to claim 3, wherein the support element is arranged to receive an electronic component.